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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Military and Veteran Affairs

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

12:00 Noon

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**  
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of November 28, 2017, as printed.

**Representative Albert moved to adopt the minutes of November 28, 2017, as printed.**  
**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Bills 4380 and 4381.

**HB 4380 (Bizon)** Recreation; state parks; waiver of passport recreational fees; provide in vehicle code for totally disabled veterans without special registration plates.

**HB 4381 (Wentworth)** Recreation; state parks; waiver of passport recreational fees; provide in natural resources and environmental protection act for totally disabled veterans without special registration plates.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 4380.

**Representative Barrett moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Bill 4380.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The substitute was adopted

**Representative Glenn moved to report House Bill 4380 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The bill and the substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

The Chair offered the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 4381.

**Representative Barrett moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) for House Bill 4381.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The substitute was adopted

**Representative Glenn moved to report House Bill 4381 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-1) be adopted and that the bill then pass.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:**

**Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)**

**Nays: None. (0/13)**

The bill and the substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency; submitted a testimony card in support of the bills.

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At 12:06 p.m., the Chair turned the gavel over to the Majority Vice-Chair, Representative Graves.

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The Majority Vice-Chair laid before the committee Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors.

Tom Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer for Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors, briefed the committee on their outdoor programs for disable veterans. Questions followed. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is attached to the minutes.

There being no other business before the committee; **Majority Vice-Chair declared the committee adjourned**, the time being 12:22 p.m.

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Jason Wentworth, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee